equitable arrangement for the distribution of raw materials.
More than that, cash itself might in certain circumstances be forthcoming; a thousand millions, no less. A Junior Minister, Mr. Hudson, unofficially and without any specific commitment, like Lord Runciman in Prague, investigating and mediating, threw out a hint to Dr. Wohltat—what about it, just supposing it might be arranged; what about it? Consider the immense financial resources of the British Empire, and Germany's empty till, replenished when Austria was taken, again when Prague was taken, a little trickle from the Bank of International Settlement flowing in on Appeasement's backwash; but these replenishments soon exhausted. Mammon against Mars—'Mr. Mars, Til make it worth your while. I have a large sum in mind, a really large sum, if only … if only you'll lay down your arms, Mr. Mars/

Friends were looked for, helpers, sometimes in unlikely places; Papal blessing not despised, and wistful glances cast in the Kremlin's direction; godly and godless a powerful combination.
Peace Front was wanted, powerful enough never to be challenged; and all who would join it were welcome indeed.
Would Russia join it?—ah! if she would, all troubles ended, peace at last. Onward Marxist Soldiers, marching into war.
Civilisation need no longer be feared for, Democracy would reach harbour at last, civil liberties, and Government of the people by the people for the people, might be taken as secured, if only Russia's help were forthcoming. Having appeased Mussolini and appeased Hitler, it was now attempted to appease

Stalin.

Negotiations directed to this end proved lengthy and laborious; and while they were proceeding, yet one more crisis, the last, developed. Where it had been Czechoslovakia, now it was Poland; the guarantee hurriedly given when German troops entered Prague, might at any moment be invoked. Like a swimmer tired of battling with a contrary current, abandoning the struggle, and letting himself be carried along by what he had long tried to resist, this last crisis was left to taf e its course.